Harmful effects of soft drinks

1089. SHRIPENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Pollution Control Boards is monitoring the harmful effects of soft drinks;

(b) if so, what is the permissible level of cadmium lead and chromium in thasoft drinks; and

(c) whether the board is having the facility to regulate the discharge of heavy metals in water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Since the fixing of permissible level of Cadium, Lead and Chromium in the soft drinks is not under the purview of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), it is not monitoring these in the soft drinks.

(c) State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) in the States and Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) in Union Territories are empowered to regulate discharge of heavy metals from effluents from wastewater treatment plants into water bodies under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974. All SPCBs/PCCS are also categorizing and ensuring proper disposal of the sludge from beverages and soft drinks units in accordance with the hazardous Wastes (Management and handling) Rules, 1989.

Zoological Museum at Gorewada

†1090. SHRI DATTAMEGHE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are having a plan to set up a big zoological museum at Gorewada close to Nagpur in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether the necessary action for setting up the same has started; and

(c) by wnen the work for setting up the said zoological museum would be completed?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.